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The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter provides notification of a delay in completing the final report as directed by section 574 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2001. This section calls for the Secretary of Defense to report on the management of the deployment of military members during fiscal year 2001. As amended by section 592 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2002, section 574 also calls for specific comments regarding the impact of this legislation on the readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps. Finally, section 574 calls for recommendations to improve the deployment management program.

We are working to complete this study and address the three areas highlighted for review in section 574. We will accomplish this task within the next four months and provide a report no later than July 31, 2002. In the interim, the Department of Defense has made considerable progress with its efforts to track, report, and manage the amount of time our members are deployed.

A similar letter has been sent to the Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee.


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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member

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